St. Carlo Acutis

Feast Day: October 12th

Patron Saint of Youth and Computer Programmers

Carlo Acutis was born in London on May 3, 1991, and grew up in Milan, Italy. Even as a little boy, Carlo loved Jesus in the Eucharist. He asked to go to daily Mass, spent time in Eucharistic Adoration, and made frequent Confessions. He often said, “The Eucharist is my highway to heaven.”

Carlo was like many other teenagers, he enjoyed playing soccer, spending time with friends, and using the computer, but he also had a heart for helping others. He gave food and sleeping bags to people on the streets and looked out for classmates who were lonely or bullied.

Carlo was very gifted with technology and decided to use his talent to serve God. He built a website and organized a worldwide exhibit on Eucharistic miracles to help others grow closer to Jesus.

In 2006, at just 15 years old, Carlo was diagnosed with a fast-moving form of leukemia. He offered all his sufferings for the Pope and the Church, saying he wanted to go straight to heaven without passing through purgatory. He died on October 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi, near his hero, St. Francis.

The Church opened Carlo’s cause for sainthood in 2012. He was beatified in 2020 after the healing of a sick boy in Brazil was confirmed as a miracle through Carlo’s intercession. A second miracle, the healing of a young woman from Costa Rica, was approved in 2024. St. Carlo Acutis was canonized by Pope Leo XIV on September 7, 2025.

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Did You Know?

When Carlo’s tomb was opened in 2019, his body was found in a well-preserved state, and he was displayed for public veneration in Assisi. A silicone mask was placed over his face to present him with dignity to pilgrims.

every year on October 12. He is remembered as the first millennial saint and an example that holiness is possible for everyone, even for young people living in today’s world.

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